



Coordinating public involvement activities with colleagues on your installation will help all of you present an image of the military as a well-organized, responsive organization. Working together can help you avoid mistakes and increase the scope and effectiveness of your public involvement program. It could also save you time and money.

Most installations have many community-directed activities designed to increase people's knowledge and awareness about military mission, operations, and challenges. Environmental protection and cultural resources, for example, are often required to involve the community for certain projects/issues. Similarly, most Public Affairs Offices are involved in community involvement programs and participate in a variety of national celebrations, installation open houses, and special local events. Collaboration across various installation offices and programs (including noise management) can dramatically increase public participation and maintain good community relations.

Who should be involved?

Noise Program Manager

- ❑ Approve any noise program-related reports, notices, etc. for publication in the local newspapers.
- ❑ Determine the extent of the noise program involvement and sponsorship in community involvement activities.
- ❑ Maintain liaison with the Chief of Public Affairs, who coordinates the dissemination of information about noise program matters that have significant public affairs implications.
- ❑ Educate soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, in the classroom and through other educational activities, so they are informed of noise program-related operational restrictions.
- ❑ Maintain liaison with the Chief of Range Control/Range Management Office (RMO) the Chief of Airspace and Aviation. Air Operations Departments, and Maintenance Departments, as appropriate, on matters related to education of Service personnel, possible mitigation efforts,

Integrating your installation's community involvement efforts

Common installation community involvement requirements

Many federal laws contain strict public notification and reporting procedures. The community involvement procedures and contacts established to comply with these regulations could also be used to forward noise management efforts. For instance:

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that notices about public meetings, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements be put in the newspaper. Time for public review and comment on environmental plans and assessments is also required.
- The Clean Air Act has a requirement to advertise the review of Title V Air Permits.
- Restoration Advisory Boards may be established for Installation Restoration Programs.

siting of new range and aviation operations procedures and facilities, and noise complaints.

Public Affairs Office

- ❑ Provide policy, guidance, and oversight for public affairs support to the various installation programs planning community involvement activities.
- ❑ Disseminate public information concerning installation news through a post newspaper, local television news, and local radio.

- ☐ Serve as the point of contact for news media inquiries.
- ☐ Encourage installation representation/presence throughout the local civilian community to develop effective and positive relationships.
- ☐ Write newspaper articles in support of various program events and initiatives, to include articles for the on-post newspaper and other publications.

Range Control

- ☐ Keep Public Affairs Office informed of upcoming training that may have noise impacts on the community.
- ☐ Work with Noise Program Staff when making changes in operations that will affect the noise environment.
- ☐ Keep records of training in a format that can be utilized to generate noise contours.

Master Planner/Regional Planner/Community Planner

- ☐ Foster partnerships with civilian community planning agencies.
- ☐ Ensure that installation is aware of existing and potential noise-sensitive land uses in surrounding communities.
- ☐ Consider noise impacts when citing noise-sensitive facilities on the installation.

Everyone

- ☐ Encourage strategic thinking about routine activities, as well as about unusual events that would require integrated community involvement efforts.
- ☐ Work with Public Affairs Office.

For help with noise management community involvement activities, contact:

Operational Noise Program
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
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Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403
410-436-3829
<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dehe/morenoise/>

For help with the Navy's noise management community involvement activities, contact:

Special Assistant for AICUZ and Encroachment
Commander Navy Installations
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC 20374
202-685-9181

For help with the Air Force's noise management community involvement activities, contact:

AICUZ/Noise Program Manager
Bases and Units Branch
HQ USAF/ILEPB
1260 Air Force Pentagon
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703-604-5277

For help with the Marine Corp's noise management community involvement activities, contact:

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Headquarter Marine Corps
Washington DC, 20380-1775
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